

REMARKS

The rejection of Claims 1-3, 5-8 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by EP893158 (Hasenzahl et al), is respectfully traversed. All of the presently pending claims now have the subject matter of Claim 4, not subject to this rejection. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

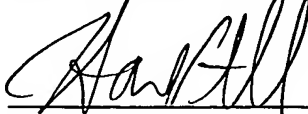
The rejections of Claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and 35 U.S.C. § 101, are respectfully traversed. Indeed, the rejections are now moot in view of the above-discussed amendment. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that they be withdrawn.

Applicants note that the Office Action contains a duplicate copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 with regard to the IDS filed February 20, 2002, and no initialed copy of the first of a two-page Form PTO-1449 with regard to the IDS filed March 17, 2003. The Examiner is respectfully requested to send an initialed copy of the missing first page of said two-page Form PTO-1449, which lists references AA-AL and AM-BD, with the next Office communication. **Submitted herewith** is a copy of the above-discussed duplicate copy, in the event the Office has not maintained the original initialed copy thereof.

All of the presently-pending claims in this application are now believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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